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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,373,918

AB United States Patent No. 5,617,461

## **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The respective German counterparts to References AA and AB were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. The German Patent and Trademark Office also cited United States Patent No. 5,495,514, however, that reference already has been made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 15, 2004.

Since both of References AA and AB are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with the previously submitted reference. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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